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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: FORMER NORWEGIAN DEPUTYPERMREP ERIK SELMER

REF: GENEVA 8349 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFO ON ERIK SELMER FROM OUR FILES:

"MR. SELMER WAS BORN APRIL 1, 1931. HE STUDIED TWICE IN GERMANY, RECEIVING A DIPLOMA FROM KAUFMANN UNIVERSITY, COLOGNE IN 1956; HE WAS IN BONN 1958-61 UNDER A FELLOWSHIP FROM THE NORWEGIAN EXPORT COUNCIL. HE JOINED THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1962 AND, AFTER AN INITIAL PERIOD IN OSLO, WAS ASSIGNED TO GENEVA (JANUARY 1964) TO THE NORWEGIAN PERMANENT DELEGATION TO EFTA, UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. BY 1966, HE HAD RISEN TO THE RANK OF FIRST SECRETARY. HE RETURNED TO OSLO IN 1967, AND WAS ASSIGNED TO BRUSSELS IN AUGUST 1970 AS FIRST SECRETARY ON THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO NATO AND WAS PROMOTED TO COUNSELOR IN JANUARY 1972. HE BECAME DEPUTY PERMREP IN EARLY 1974.
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"SELMER HAS BEEN GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO US POSITIONS, BUT IS ALSO QUITE CAPABLE OF INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT WITH REGARD TO BOTH THE US AND OTHER EUROPEANS. HE IS FROM BERGEN.

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MRS. SELMER IS A FORMER REFUGEE FROM EAST GERMANY."

2. DURING HIS TOUR AT NATO, SELMER WAS AN ABLE AND ARTICULATE PARTICIPANT IN COMMITTEE WORK AND WE FOUND HIM GENERALLY HELPFUL. BASED ON HIS WORK HERE, WE BELIEVE HE WOULD GIVE A COMPETENT PERFORMANCE ON GATT MATTERS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HIS EARLIER SERVICE WITH THE NORWEGIAN PERMANENT DELEGATION TO EFTA.BRUCE

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